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1. The strike threatened by the Union de Maquinistas, Fogoneros, Ayudantes, y Motormen against the Manila Railroad Company was to have started not later than midnight on 1 October 1949. A few days before 1 October, Ramon Espiritu, an official of the Congress of Labor Organizations (CLO) and a prominent member of the Communist Party, was seen in the vicinity of the quarters of the Manila Railroad Company employees at the corner of Tayuman and Dagupan Streets. On 29 September at 3:30 p.m. Amado V. Hernandez, president of CLO was seen in conference with Maximo Llanes, president of the union, and with its secretary and treasurer. At 4:30 p.m. on the same day the union sent a delegation of five men to CLO headquarters at 330 P. Campa.
2. It had been predicted in some quarters that the strike would fail because of the reluctance of many of the engineers and firemen to participate. Although attempts were made to induce the conductors and firemen to go on sympathy strike, the conductors refused.

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Comment. The strike did not take place as scheduled on 1 October at the latest, but rather on 14 October. It was settled on 15 October.

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